



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

IN RE WORLD TRADE CENTER
LOWER MANHATTAN DISASTER SITE
LITIGATION

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CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 5
(AMENDING THE MASTER COMPLAINT
AND CHECK-OFF COMPLAINT)

ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN, U.S.D.J.:

WHEREAS, in accordance with procedures outlined in Section G of Case Management Order No. 4 (“CMO4”) in the above-captioned consolidated litigation (the “Litigation”), Plaintiffs’ Liaison Counsel and Defendants’ Co-Liaison Counsel have mutually resolved the form and substance of a proposed First Amended Master Complaint (attached as Exhibit A) and proposed First Amended Check-Off Complaint (attached as Exhibit B) (collectively, the “Master Pleadings”);

WHEREAS, the proposed First Amended Master Complaint and the proposed First Amended Check-Off Complaint only amend the list of Defendants named in this Litigation and the list of buildings/locations at issue in this Litigation, as well as revise the introductory paragraphs of the Master Pleadings to reflect that the Master Pleadings have been amended ;

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs’ Liaison Counsel and Defendants’ Co-Liaison Counsel are continuing to cooperate in dismissing certain Defendants from this Litigation which will require subsequent amendments to the Master Pleadings.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Leave is hereby granted for the filing of the First Amended Master Complaint and First Amended Check-Off Complaint in this Litigation.

2. Upon execution of this Case Management Order No. 5 ("CMO5"), Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel shall revise the proposed First Amended Master Complaint and proposed First Amended Check-Off Complaint only to reflect the date of entry of this CMO5. Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel shall then file the First Amended Master Complaint and First Amended Check-Off Complaint with the Clerk of the Court, along with a copy of this CMO5.

3. Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel and Defendants' Co-Liaison Counsel shall, respectively, provide a copy of this CMO5 and the Amended Master Pleadings to all Plaintiffs' and Defendants' counsel who have appeared in this Litigation.

4. Every Plaintiff commencing an action after the entry of this CMO5 shall do so by filing and serving the First Amended Check-Off Complaint (in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, as that form is revised and filed with the Clerk of the Court consistent with paragraph 2 above) on all parties named in an individual action. Consistent with the procedures outlined in Section H of CMO4, Plaintiffs may, in the alternative, file and serve an "Initiating Complaint" on all parties named in an individual action.

5. Nothing herein shall be deemed to relieve a Plaintiff from the requirement under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and under the United States Constitution that jurisdiction over a particular Defendant in a particular action must be effected by service of process of an appropriate summons on that Defendant by that Plaintiff.

6. To the extent that the First Amended Master Complaint brings new allegations against a Defendant who has already, consistent with Section I of CMO4, filed an "Answer to the Master Complaint" in the above-captioned consolidated litigation, such Defendant must file an appropriate amendment to their "Answer to the Master Complaint." In recognition of Liaison Counsel's continuing efforts to cooperate in dismissing certain Defendants from this Litigation and

the concomitant need for amendments to the Master Pleadings, Defendants will have seventy-five (75) days from the entry of this CMO5 to file an "Amended Answer to the Master Complaint."

7. Defendants who (in accordance with Section J of CMO4) have already filed a "Notice of Adoption of Answer to Master Complaint" in response to a Check-Off Complaint in an individual action shall have no obligation to respond to an Amended Check-Off Complaint filed in that individual action.

8. Where a Defendant has previously filed a "Notice of Adoption of Answer to Master Complaint" in an individual action, such "Notice of Adoption of Answer to Master Complaint" shall be deemed to adopt any Amended "Answer to Master Complaint" filed by that Defendant in the Litigation, unless expressly noted otherwise.

9. CMO5 shall not supersede any Orders previously entered in the above-referenced litigation (including CMO4), except as expressly stated herein.

It is SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York
March 28, 2008



ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN
United States District Judge